

TO HARNESS NIAGARA.

Plans to Utilize the Vast Water Power Now Wasted, Being Formed.

Company Organized to Build a Tunnel and Carry the Water Below the Falls.

A Great Power to be Developed Which is Calculated Will Build up a Thriving City.

For many years it has been a favorite project of engineers and others to utilize for industrial purposes the enormous water power annually going to waste at Niagara Falls, but thus far little that is practical has been the outcome. Some years ago an important paper factory was located upon the small island midway between the village of Niagara Falls and Goat Island, but it was removed largely in deference to the sentiment which demanded that the immediate vicinity of the falls itself should not be marred by evidences of an exceptionally material era. So when the Dominion of Canada on the one hand, and the state of New York on the other, took steps to prevent private industrial or commercial encroachments in the immediate neighborhood of the falls proper, by reserving the land adjacent thereto and holding it under dominion and state regulation, respectively, the action met with popular approval.

But the dominant industrial spirit of the age, now that the falls themselves have been preserved amid their natural surroundings, has actively exerted itself to find a way to utilize the vast power, which nature has placed midway between Lakes Erie and Ontario, without approaching too close to the greatest manifestation of the power itself.

There are reasons for believing that a recently organized company has solved the problem. Should they decide to carry out the plans they have in hand, the site of operation will be the American shore of the Niagara river between the lower end of Goat Island and the southern and eastern boundary of Niagara Falls village. Here, on the direct line of communication east and west, between the great lakes, Erie canal and a dozen lines of railway, it is proposed to establish what may become, if the views of its projectors are realized, the greatest power and transhipment station on the continent.

The project primarily involves the construction of a tunnel 11,000 feet long, from a point on the easterly shore of the Niagara river, near the foot of Goat Island, nearly due north, and beneath Niagara Falls village in a direct line to a point on the bank of the river below the falls. This will be better understood when it is recalled that Niagara river leaves the foot of the falls at almost right angles to its course above the precipice. The country under which this tunnel will pass is nearly level farming land, excellently adapted to the needs of an industrial center. The tunnel will discharge its waters into the river below the falls, with a vertical fall of 218 feet, and by means of turbine wheels it is calculated that, with branches and wheel-pits and races, it will develop a water power aggregating 130,000 horse-power. Here may be found then advantageous sites for manufacturing, and as the river and canal will afford ingress for the largest steel lake steamers, the opportunities for meeting the wants of manufacturers, as well as for transhipment, become at once apparent. Boats from the Erie canal may reach the projected canal either from Buffalo via Niagara river, or from Tonawanda, thus opening up transhipment east and west from the site of the proposed industrial center. It is planned to devote an area 1,000 feet deep on either side of the tunnel to factories and shops. Besides the space to be allotted to mills, elevators, factories and the like, there will be ample room on either side for the mercantile needs of a great city. When it is realized that the railway systems, with 12,000 miles of lines, run right through this site, that canal and canal carriers may meet side by side in the grand canal, and that an industrial city is expected with encouragement to be developed there, some of the possibilities of the project may be said to have been uncovered.

The magnitude of the project has raised a question as to the effect on the volume of water in Niagara river of such a draft upon its volume as the plan contemplates. In reply to this the engineer who has the enterprise in charge outlines the situation at some length. He says that Niagara river drains 241,256 miles of watershed territory, which is equal to down the area of Great Britain and Ireland. The river, moreover, has an enormous advantage in having the four great lakes, Michigan, Superior, Huron, and Erie, as natural storage reservoirs—87,629 square miles of reservoir area. The average flow of Niagara river (measured by the lake survey board) is 25,000 cubic feet per second, and the above plan contemplates the use of only 6,000 cubic feet per second—less than 3 per cent. of the water flow—so that the change in the flow in the river would be practically imperceptible.

The gentlemen interested in this enterprise have had it called to their attention that the bulk of the wheat and Indian corn crops (as well as of barley and rye) follow the line of the great lakes, with their shipping facilities, and that storage batteries may be regularly charged and shipped to consumers on demand.

THE KING AND THE CAT.

Also, the King and the Beggar Maiden—Stories of the Little Ruler of Spain.

Stories of the little king of Spain are in order now that his recovery has been assured, and several new ones have come out. The young king, as is well known, has been brought up in a strictly family way, and very much as any other young person of good birth in his kingdom. His mother has very sensibly forbidden the laughing in of the royal features of his life any more frequently than the absolute necessities of the strict rules of Spanish court etiquette required, and except on the occasion of state ceremonies young Alfonso has been attended almost entirely by his mother and by the stalwart peasant nurse who has been his companion from his earliest babyhood to his present comparatively mature age of four years. During his illness she and the queen were constantly at the little fellow's bedside and about the only other living creature so constantly in the room was a cat. The young king, before his sickness, had begun to tire of his baby playthings that had been at his command, and seeking other toys, let his fancy light upon a Maltese cat that he saw somewhere about the palace. The animal at once became a creature of distinguished consideration in the royal household. It answers to the name of Perico. The ribbon upon its neck was tied there by the king himself, and when he was taking the cat, the king insisted that pussy should be in the

room with him. So, for a full month the faithful cat was constantly in the sick chamber. Naturally the animal became a great favorite, and one of the high ladies at court made for it the embroidered cushion upon which it is sleeping.

Another story from the sick room, and one that has more of the flavor usually found in the stories of royal infants, George Washington and other lofty personages, deals with a little crippled girl whom the king had met on one of his walks or rides about with his nurse, before he was taken sick and to whom, seeing often again, he had taken a fancy. It came to be that whenever the king in his outings saw the little cripple he would make one of the ladies of honor descend from the carriage and carry some little gift to her. When he had been sick for awhile he said to his mother one day:

"What will become of my little cripple and what will she eat now that I go out no more?"

"Broad," said the queen, "like all the poor people that is if she can get it."

"I am too little to command," said the king.

"As it is to do good," replied the queen, "will permit you to give orders."

The king, at this, said nothing, but the next day he had taken to the little beggar the bonbons some one had sent to himself. No affidavit goes with this story, but it is a very pretty one, and there is no particular reason why it should not be true.

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Poor Humanity!

The common lot is one of sorrow say—at least—the pessimists, they who look at the worst side. Certainly what would otherwise be a bright existence, is often shadowed by some ailment that overhangs it like a pall, obscuring perpetually the radiance that else would light the path. Such an ailment, and a very common one, is nervousness, or in other words, weakness of the nervous system, a condition only irremediable where inefficient or unpropitious means are taken to relieve it. The concurrent experience of nervous people who have persistently used Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, is that it conquers entirely superfluousness of the nerves, as well as diseases—called—which are invited and sustained by their chronic weakness. As the nerves gain stamina from the great tonic the trouble disappears. Use the Bitters for malaria, rheumatism, biliousness and kidney troubles.

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